

EXHIBIT A

(Declaration of Deborah Green)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

_____)	Chapter 9
In re:)	
)	
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,)	Case No. 13-53846
)	
Debtor.)	Hon. Steven W. Rhodes

DECLARATION OF DEBORAH GREEN

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, Deborah Green declares the following:

1. I am employed as the Region I Director by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), which is appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. As Region I Director, I report to State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker.

2. As Region I Director, I am responsible to administratively assist all trial courts in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties. As of the appointment of the Honorable Michael Talbot as Special Judicial Administrator of the 36th District Court, I have been assigned, virtually full-time, to assist Judge Talbot with the restructuring of the operations of the 36th District Court. As a result of my overall responsibilities, I am familiar with the manner in which Michigan trial courts, including district courts and the 36th District Court, are funded.

3. District courts are established by the Michigan legislature, which then also defines their jurisdiction and designates the "funding unit" of the court. The 36th District Court is a "class III" district court, meaning that its jurisdiction is defined by the boundary of the City of Detroit. The Michigan legislature, in creating the 36th District Court has designated the City of

Detroit ("City") as its funding unit, meaning that it has legislatively mandated that the City must pay the operational costs of the 36th District Court, with the exception of judicial salaries.

4. The 36th District Court is not "prefunded" by the City. Instead, its expenses are paid, on an ongoing basis, as bills are forwarded by the 36th District Court to the City for payment. Personnel costs are paid directly by the City.

5. I am aware of a significant arbitration award recently entered against the 36th District Court, amounting to approximately \$5.5 million, which the 36th District Court does not have the funds to pay. Once this claim has been fully liquidated – meaning that a final judgment is entered against the Court – this obligation will then have to be forwarded to the City of Detroit for payment. At that point, the City of Detroit will be required to pay the judgment as a result of its constitutional obligation to fund the 36th District Court's reasonable and necessary expenses. This arrangement is consistent with the procedure by which all Michigan trial courts have judgments against them satisfied – a court's funding unit must pay judgments against that court.

6. While the 36th District Court has no funds from which to pay judgments, if a judgment creditor were to execute against the Court by seizing computers, communication systems, and furniture, the Court's operations would be severely disrupted, if not shut down completely. I am informed and believe that in early 2009 one judgment creditor in *Sciotti v. 36th District Court*, Wayne County Circuit Court case number 03-327602-CD, attempted execution against the Court through garnishments and show-cause orders. See attached. The City eventually paid the judgment.

7. As fines and other charges are collected by the Court, they are deposited in a bank account, from where they are disbursed according to statutory mandate, including primarily to the City. The City annually receives approximately \$14.5 million from the Court. While this

revenue does not completely offset the Court's operating budget, collection efforts are now being improved as a result of Judge Talbot's ongoing restructuring efforts. In some instances, district courts generate so much revenue that the funding unit actually experiences a profit from its court's operations.

8. A shutdown of the Court's operations, whether as a result of a judgment creditor's actions or the City's failure to promptly pay the Court's expenses, would deprive the City's residents and others of the services of the Court, and would also interrupt the Court's revenue generation on behalf of the City through collection of fines and other charges.

9. I know the facts stated herein to be true of my own knowledge, except those stated on information and belief, and those I believe to be true. I am prepared and competent to testify concerning the foregoing if requested to do so by the Court.



Deborah Green

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STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WAYNE COUNTY	REQUEST FOR HEARING ON A MOTION (PRAECIPE) ORDER / JUDGMENT	CASE NO. 03-327602 NZ
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2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

Plaintiff name(s) Kenneth Sciotti
Plaintiff attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no. Scott E. Combs (P37554) 27780 Novi Road Novi, Michigan 48377 (248) 380-5050

V

Defendant name(s) 36th District Court
Defendant's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no. Constance J. Allen (P30752) Judicial Assistant, 36th District Ct. 421 Madison, Suite 4109 Detroit, Michigan 48226 (313) 965-3082

List additional attorneys on other side

- Motion Title: Defendant's Motion To Quash Writs of Execution Enjoin Further Actions And For Costs And Sanctions
- Moving Party: Defendant Telephone No. (313) 965-3082
- Please place on the motion calendar for: Friday, January 30, 2009

Judge Robert L. Ziolkowski	Bar No. P22745	Date January 30, 2009	Time 9:00 a.m.
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Adj. to: _____ Adj. to: _____ Adj. to: _____

4. I certify that I have made personal contact with Scott Combs on 1/16/09 regarding concurrence in relief sought in this motion and that concurrence has been denied or that I have made reasonable and diligent attempts to contact counsel regarding concurrence with motion.

Date 1/16/09 Attorney Constance J. Allen Bar No. P-30752

DATED: 1/16/09

ORDER / JUDGMENT

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS MOTION IS:

- ☐ DENIED ☐ GRANTED IN PART / DENIED IN PART ☐ TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT ☐ DISMISSED
- ☐ GRANTED AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

CIRCUIT JUDGE

Approved as to form and substance by Counsel for:

Plaintiff _____

Defendant _____

Date _____

FILE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL WITH:
CATHY MARIE GARRETT
WAYNE COUNTY CLERK
201 CITY-COUNTY BUILDING
DETROIT, MI 48226

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

KEN SCIOTTI,

Plaintiff,

Case No: 03-327602 NZ

Hon. Robert L. Ziolkowski

v

36TH DISTRICT COURT,

Defendant.

CONSTANCE J. ALLEN (P30752)

Attorney for Defendant

36th District Court

421 Madison, Suite 4109

Detroit, Michigan 48226

(313) 965-3082

SCOTT E. COMBS (P37554)

Attorney for Plaintiff

27780 Novi Road, Suite 105

Novi, Michigan 48377

(248) 380-5050

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: SCOTT E. COMBS (P37554)
27780 NOVI ROAD, SUITE 105
NOVI, MICHIGAN 48377

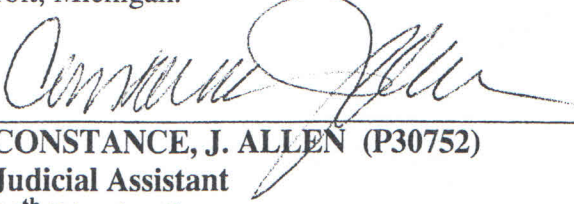
ADP
16901 MICHIGAN AVENUE
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48126

CITY OF DETROIT FINANCE DEPART
CAYMC
TWO WOODWARD AVENUE, STE. 1200
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

COMERICA BANK
201 W. FORT STREET
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

Please take Notice that Objection to Writs will be heard on Friday, January 30, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Robert Ziolkowski, Room 1611, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

January 16, 2009



CONSTANCE, J. ALLEN (P30752)
Judicial Assistant
36th District Court
421 Madison, Suite 4109
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 965-3082

Approved. SCAO

Original - Court
1st copy - Plaintiff
2nd copy - Defendant
3rd copy - Garnishee

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Third JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OBJECTIONS TO GARNISHMENT
AND NOTICE OF HEARING

CASE NO.
03-327602-CD

Court address

Court telephone no.

Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no. (judgment creditor)

Kenneth Sciotti

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.

Scott E. Combs (P37554)
27780 Novi Road, Suite 105
Novi, MI 48377
(248) 380-5050

Defendant's name, address, and telephone no. (judgment debtor)

36th District Court
421 Madison Ave, Ste. 4109
Detroit, MI 48226
Attorney for Defendant: Constance J. Allen (P30752)

v

Garnishee's name and address

ADP
16901 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, MI 48126

OBJECTIONS TO GARNISHMENT

I object to the garnishment issued on 01/12/2009 and request a hearing on this objection because
Date

- ☒ a. the funds or property are exempt from garnishment by law.
☐ b. garnishment is precluded by the pendency of bankruptcy proceedings.
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☐ d. garnishment is precluded because the maximum amount permitted by law is being withheld under a higher priority order.
☐ e. the judgment has been paid.
☒ f. the garnishment was not properly issued or is otherwise invalid for the following reason(s):
Upon information and belief, the amount of the garnishment demanded is inaccurate.

I was served with a copy of the writ on

Date

N/A DEFENDANT WAS NOT PROPERLY SERVED.

Date

Signature of defendant

NOTICE OF HEARING ON OBJECTIONS

- On _____ the defendant filed objections to the writ of garnishment dated _____
Date
- A hearing is scheduled on _____ at _____ at _____
Date Time Location
_____ before Hon. _____
- The defendant and plaintiff are required to appear.
- The garnishee ☒ is ☐ is not required to appear.
- ☐ a. Objections were filed within 14 days of the defendant being served with the writ. The garnishee shall continue to withhold funds but shall not release withheld funds until further order of the court.
☐ b. Objections were filed 14 days or more after the defendant was served with the writ. The garnishee shall continue to withhold and release funds unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Date

Deputy court clerk

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this date I served a copy of this objection and notice on the parties or their attorneys by first-class mail addressed to their last-known addresses as defined in MCR 2.107(C)(3).

Approved, SCAO

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Novi, MI 48377
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36th District Court
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Attorney for Defendant: Constance J. Allen (P30752)

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Garnishee's name and address

Comerica Bank
201 W. Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48226-3215

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36th District Court
421 Madison Ave, Ste. 4109
Detroit, MI 48226
Attorney for Defendant: Constance J. Allen (P30752)

Garnishee's name and address
City of Detroit Finance Department
CAYMC
Two Woodward Ave, Ste. 1200
Detroit, MI 48226

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